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SUBJECT: QATARI VIEWS ON KHMER REPRESENTATION AND KOREAN QUESTION

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1. DURING NOV 24 CONVERSATION WITH GOVERNMENT OF QATAR FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, I AGAIN REVIEWED US POSITION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE AND ALSO DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION. I STRESSED THAT USG AND SECRETARY IN PARTICULAR ATTACHED GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THESE MATTERS, AND PRESSED FOR QATARI SUPPORT FOR US POSITION.

2. ALTHOUGH HE TYPICALLY DECLINED TO BE PINNED DOWN, SUHAYM INDICATED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO GOQ PERMREP IN NEW YORK EITHER TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION OR, AT MINIMUM, TO
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GO ALONG WITH SAUDIS AND OTHER "NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES" ON VOTE.

SUHAYM REITERATED DILEMMA POSTED FOR GOQ BY ITS SUPPORT OF SIHANOUK AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT FACTS OF PRESENT SITUATION INDICATED THAT GKR LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA.

3. RE KOREAN QUESTION, SUHAYM EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF LOGIC OF US-SUPPORTED RESOLUTION RE-ENDORSING CONSENSUS STATEMENT OF LAST YEAR AND SPECIFYING THAT TROOP WITHDRAWAL QUESTION WAS UNDER SC RATHER THAN GA JURISDICTION. ALTHOUGH HE AVOIDED FIRMLY COMMITTING GOQ TO SUPPORT IT, HE IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS "NO PROBLEM". RE REQUEST FOR QATARI CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION, HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THIS MATTER FURTHER AFTER SEEKING MORE INFORMATION FROM GOQ PERMREP IN NEW YORK. I TOLD HIM THAT OMAN HAD AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR, BUT THIS DIDN'T SEEM TO CUT MUCH ICE.

4. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR-DISIGNATE TO QATAR (RESIDENT IN JIDDA) VISITING DOHA NOV 24-26 FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE OF OBTAINING GOQ CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION, AND WE HAVE BEEN COMPARING NOTES ON QATARI POSITION. ACCORDING ROK AMB, ON NOV 26 HE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH SUHAYM'S CHEF DE CABINET JASIM KAWARI. HE REQUESTED GOQ CO-SPONSORSHIP, AND INFORMED KAWARI THAT KING FAISAL HAD PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED BAROODY TO CO-SPONSOR ALTHOUGH IT APPEARED BAROODY BALKING. ROK AMB TOLD ME KAWARI, WHO APPEARED WELL-BRIEFED ON SUBJECT, ASSURED HIM THAT GOQ WOULD FOLLOW SAUDI LEAD ON BOTH CO-SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION.

5. DURING NOV 26 CONVERSATION, I REVIEWED US POSITIONS ON KHMER REPRESENTATION AND KOREAN QUESTION WITH DR. HASSAN KAMEL, THE AMIR'S POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR. I EMPHASIZED GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY US AND SECRETARY PERSONALLY TO KHMER REPRESENTATION PROBLEM AND PRESSED FOR GOQ SUPPORT ON BOTH QUESTIONS, AND CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR KOREAN RESOLUTION.

6. KAMEL RESPONDED THAT GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO GOQ'S PERMREP IN NEW YORK TO COVER BOTH ITEMS. ACCORDING KAMEL, INSTRUCTIONS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED FOR QUESTIONS WHICH GOQ CONSIDERED RELATIVELY "REMOTE" TO ITS OWN OR ARAB INTERESTS, AND WERE IN FIRST INSTANCE TO VOTE WITH "MAJORITY" CONFIDENTIAL

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OF ARABS. IF THERE NO MAJORITY ARAB POSITION, QATARI DELEGATION DIRECTED TO GO ALONG WITH SAUDIS UNLESS SAUDIS COMPELTLY ISOLATED FROM OTHER ARABS ON ISSUE. KAMEL IMPLIED THAT IF SITUATION DID NOT FIT EITHER CRITERION, GOQ PERMREP HAD DISCRETION, AND MOST LIKELY TO ABSTAIN. HE NOTED QATARIS HAD ABSTAINED ON KHMER ISSUE LAST YEAR, AND HAD BEEN THANKED BY SIHANOUK FOR THIS ACTION. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THAT KAMEL'S DESCRIPTION OF QATARI INSTRUCTIONS MOST ACCURATE OF VARIATIONS REPORTED ABOVE.

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